

THE "FATHER OF THE HOUSE" DYING.

The "Father of the House" Very Ill.

THE END FAST APPROACHING

For the Great Expectation of Republican Principles--Universal Sorrow.

That He Is Laid Low--A Stubborn Cancer Affliction.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Congressman (Wm.) D. Kelley is very ill and is thought to be dying.

His enfeebled condition was the subject of much comment, but only a few knew of the Judge's illness. It is fully developed and its activity is most virulent. Just below the rear of Judge Kelley's jaw is a cancer, and it is spreading rapidly into the throat. So quickly has it worked that the affected man can speak only in whispers and then not without pain. The swallowing of nourishment is a matter of considerable difficulty and locomotion can only be indulged in to a very small extent.

Several of Judge Kelley's relatives have been here during the last few days, and his daughter, Mrs. Foster, wanted to take him home with her, but his condition yesterday was such that removal was regarded as impossible by the physicians. The Judge is still in his room at the Riggs House.

The news of the Judge's illness was the subject of much conversation in the Senate and on the streets to-day, and each expression of regret was unanimous in its sentiment. Everybody seemed to recognize the usefulness of the old Pennsylvania lawyer and everybody was grieved to know that his career was so close to its rounded out and completed.

LATER REPORTS.

Judge Kelley is slightly improved to-night. The members of his family, who are here, were not summoned to Washington on account of the Judge's illness, but came to spend the holidays with him. While it is true that the Judge has a throat trouble, it is a cancerous nature, it is not a new development, as Mr. Kelley submitted to a surgical operation for the removal of this growth in 1888. There has been, however, a renewal of the trouble since that time, but this was not the cause of his present prostration.

About a week ago the Judge contracted a severe cold, which developed into a very acute case of intestinal catarrh, accompanied by copious and obstinate diarrhoea, which has resulted in great weakness and a general breaking down of the system. It is not, however, so anxious to go to the House of Representatives once more, but his friends are of the opinion to-night that he will never take his seat there again.

THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.

Should be Observed in All the Departments.

"Alike--Walker's Views."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—"There is little use," said Solicitor Walker Blaine, "in attempting to conduct a civil service for one set of office-holders and ignoring the just claims of others. This has been brought very prominently before the State department recently in cases where young Americans desire to go abroad as diplomatic representatives of the United States. Before there was such a thing as a civil service law, politicians were accustomed to bring their friends to Washington, and after receiving attention from the head of a department, an appointment to a lucrative position was made. The result was that the civil service law, which was passed to change, and the doors of the departments are practically closed against applicants for office, owing to the requirements of the Civil Service Commission."

"Disappointed in this way, some of the workers of the two political parties turned their long eyes in the direction of the State Department, and coveted long and earnestly some of the consular offices held by others. Examinations are not required for these places, and they are matters for the exertion of influence. If this solicitation is not checked, it will be believed. In consequence of the demand for consular positions, it is quite likely that they will be recommended to be turned over to the civil service. This is a very important matter, and the State Department of a great deal of annoyance."

THE MONTHLY CEREAL ESTIMATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The Department of Agriculture contains a detailed statement of the estimates of the principal cereals. The reported area of corn is 78,319,651 acres, and represents an increase of 21 per cent over the acreage of 1888. The wheat acreage is 88,125,850 acres, or 2-1/10 per cent greater than the acreage for 1888. The acreage of oats is placed at 27,422,310 acres, an increase of less than 2 per cent.

PENALTY GRANTED.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—West Virginia pensions were granted to-day as follows: Original invalid—Samuel H. Whelstone, Ripley Landing; William H. Hutchinson, Ceredo; Increase John B. Blackmar, Hinton; George W. Blackmar, Shidlers; Curtis Davidson, Flemington; Charles McGraw, Haulin. Reissue and increase granted—W. B. Scarbrough, Mingo. Original invalid—E. J. J. widow of William McMann, Sterling.

PASTOR APPOINTED.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Dr. McGinnis, John John Laughlin, resigned, has been appointed pastor at Rock Lake, Wisconsin.

THE YASSAR WILL CASE.

The Court Decides that the Bequests were All Good and Should be Paid.

POCONKESKIE, Jan. 2.—Judge Barnard yesterday held his decision in the matter of the construction of John Guy Vassar's will. He decides that the Baptist church of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is entitled to \$15,000 to pay off a mortgage, is entitled to the \$10,000 given by Mr. Vassar; that the gifts to several corporations of sums of money subject to the payment of interest are good; that the \$100,000 of the testator the college had property up to its charter limit. He declares that the memoranda found in Mr. Vassar's satchel have no force, either upon the will or the college, is that the gift of a large sum for a proposed orphan asylum is carried to the Court of Appeals for review.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Jan. 3.—The boiler in a saw mill exploded yesterday morning, instantly killing John Runkle and William Hughes, a brother of the proprietor.

THEY CAUGHT A TARTAR.

A Wool Grower Who is a Democrat in All But Free Trade.

MR. MILLS' OWN CONSTITUENTS

Who Raise Wool Want Protection and He Gets a Pointer From One of Them--Hearings Before The Ways and Means Committee.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The hearing on the Wool Schedule was continued before the Ways and Means Committee to-day. The Democrats caught another Tartar in the person of a wool grower named Shepard, from Texas. In answer to Mr. Mills he said that he was a Democrat in all but free trade, and that if the Mills bill had gone into effect Texas sheep raisers would have had to go out of the business. Hon. Wm. Lawrence, of Ohio, read a carefully prepared paper upon the necessity of further protection for carpet wools.

DETAILS OF THE HEARING.

A Texas Wool Grower Makes a Warm for the Democratic Members of the Ways and Means Committee.

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Mr. Shepard, a wool grower, of Texas, was the next witness. He said that the subject assigned to him by the President of the National Wool Growing Association, which was composed of men from all over the country, and he proceeded to read a paper to prove that with a sufficient protection it could be done. He gave figures to show that the wool industry of Texas is worth \$10,000,000 a year, and that it cannot be laid down in Boston at less than 19 cents a pound, while the Australian wool could be laid down at 18 cents a pound. He said that he had no duty on wool; that he was not a protectionist, but a free trader.

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THROUGH TO ST. LOUIS.

The Baltimore & Ohio Company Gets Control of the

CINCINNATI MIDLAND ROAD

The Stockholders of the Midland Vote To Lease to the B. & O., and It Gives the Latter a Through Connection.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 3.—The Columbus and Cincinnati Midland stockholders to-day ratified a proposition to lease the property to the Central Ohio Railroad Company, to be assigned by that company to the Baltimore & Ohio. They also decided to lease not to exceed \$1,000,000 preferred stock and to extend the present mortgage twenty-five years to meet obligations.

Yesterday the stockholders of the Central Ohio Railroad Company held a meeting in this city to consider the question of leasing the Columbus and Cincinnati Midland Railroad, which is a portion of the B. & O. railroad system. The sentiment in favor of the proposed lease was unanimous, since there were 41,681 shares of stock voted in favor of, and none against, being 5,640 votes more than the requisite two-thirds of the stock of the company necessary to the adoption of the lease.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors following, the usual 3 per cent. semi-annual dividend was declared. To-day the meeting of the stockholders of the Midland, as above mentioned, was held to consider the matter of leasing the road as proposed.

The Midland road now operated by the Baltimore & Ohio, is a 100-mile road, which is a portion of the B. & O. railroad system, and has changed the name to the Baltimore & Ohio Midland, and the Midland will form an important link in the Baltimore & Ohio Midland system, a system which, it is believed, will be extended ultimately to St. Louis.

A CRUSADE AT STEUBENVILLE.

Against Immoral Theatrical Exhibitions. Premier "Lester" Presents a Feminist Minstrel Troupe.

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STEUBENVILLE, O., Jan. 3.—Steubenville's social and theatrical circles have had another upheaval. If it's not one thing's another. This time it is the vigorous action taken by lady representatives of Steubenville's Social Society. They had the "Dance Club" which performed in the city Opera House Wednesday night, arrested in a body and brought into Mayor Brasher's office.

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Dr. Kniffin is a wealthy man in Warren county, this State, on a visit, and no one but a child was with the two women in the room this morning when they were called at Dr. Kniffin's dental parlor. The door was found locked and word was sent to Dr. Shannon, Dr. Kniffin's partner, one block away. Dr. Shannon came and opened the door, and found the two ladies above described. There were many evidences of burglary. Chief of Police McChesney has taken charge of the premises and is investigating the case. A few weeks ago the house was also entered by burglars.

Mrs. Purcell, the young lady boarding with the Kniffins, was finally revived, and in an interview with Coroner Power she gave the following statement: "I was awakened by Mrs. Kniffin, who was screaming that there was burglars in the house. Mrs. Purcell sprang from bed to the door, and found the door open. She applied a door pull to her door. Mrs. Kniffin was seized by another man, who pressed the end of a bed quilt saturated with chloroform to her nose. This was the last I saw of either of them. I tried to run, but I was so dizzy that I could not. I was then taken care of by the physicians."

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